

## Chief Tells How Residents Can Help Cut Fire Losses

Torrance Fire Chief J. Jay Benner today announced the Fire Department's cooperation with other civic groups in using simple precautionary methods to prevent many damaging fires.

The Fire Chief, discussing re- placement costs, said that, "even in small fires where the firemen are able to confine the flames to one room, it costs property owners two to three times as much to refurbish the burned-out areas as it did ten years ago." Chief Benner particularly emphasized the following points:

1. Great damage is caused by rubbish fires. If owners remove rubbish from cellars, attics and closets, fire losses will come down and many alarms will be eliminated.
2. Buildings classified as conflagration hazards should be protected by automatic sprinklers. Such installations will pay for themselves out of savings in insurance premiums and as a result, conflagration areas will be eliminated.
3. Basement fires are the hardest to fight. Firemen have difficulty fighting their way in and often do not know what the conditions will be when they reach the basement.



**MEMBERSHIP GAIN**—M. W. Heimerdinger, lieutenant governor, presents a trophy to President Jack Phillips of the Torrance Civitan Club for making the largest per capita membership gain in the United States. The local club will hold a pancake breakfast at the Civic Auditorium this Saturday from 6 to 11 a.m. Press Photo



**NEW LINE**—Joe De Jaifre, owner of the Torrance Boat Mart, 1545 W. Carson St., displays some of the Cushman Scooters for which his firm was recently appointed dealer. Press Photo

## Marine Jailed For Disturbance

A Marine private who assertedly used salty leatherneck language swung on a policeman and ripped a toilet paper rack out of the wall, started a five-day sentence in the pokie Monday.

Richard Ray Barge, 21, of Camp Pedleton, pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace, resisting arrest, drunk and malicious mischief charges to Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong Monday.

Arresting officers said they took him into custody at 187th Pl. and Falda Ave., where the defendant was cursing while a knot of spectators, including women and children gathered.

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## Red Cross Starts First Aid Classes

Evening classes in Red Cross standard First Aid training resumed Tuesday evening at the Narbonne High School, 24300 Western Ave., according to a report issued by officials at the regional Red Cross headquarters in San Pedro.

Persons registered for the five-session course—originally slated to get under way Sept. 24 are urged to attend the Tuesday sessions at 7:30 p.m. in Room D-1 in the school.

Offered free of charge, classes will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. every Tuesday, Mrs. Marguerite a Person is the qualified instructor.

An original one-act play, "The Doors" will be presented tomorrow at 10 p.m. at the Exodus Coffee Shop, 235 W. 6th St., San Pedro. A number of Torrance and South Bay residents will be in the cast.

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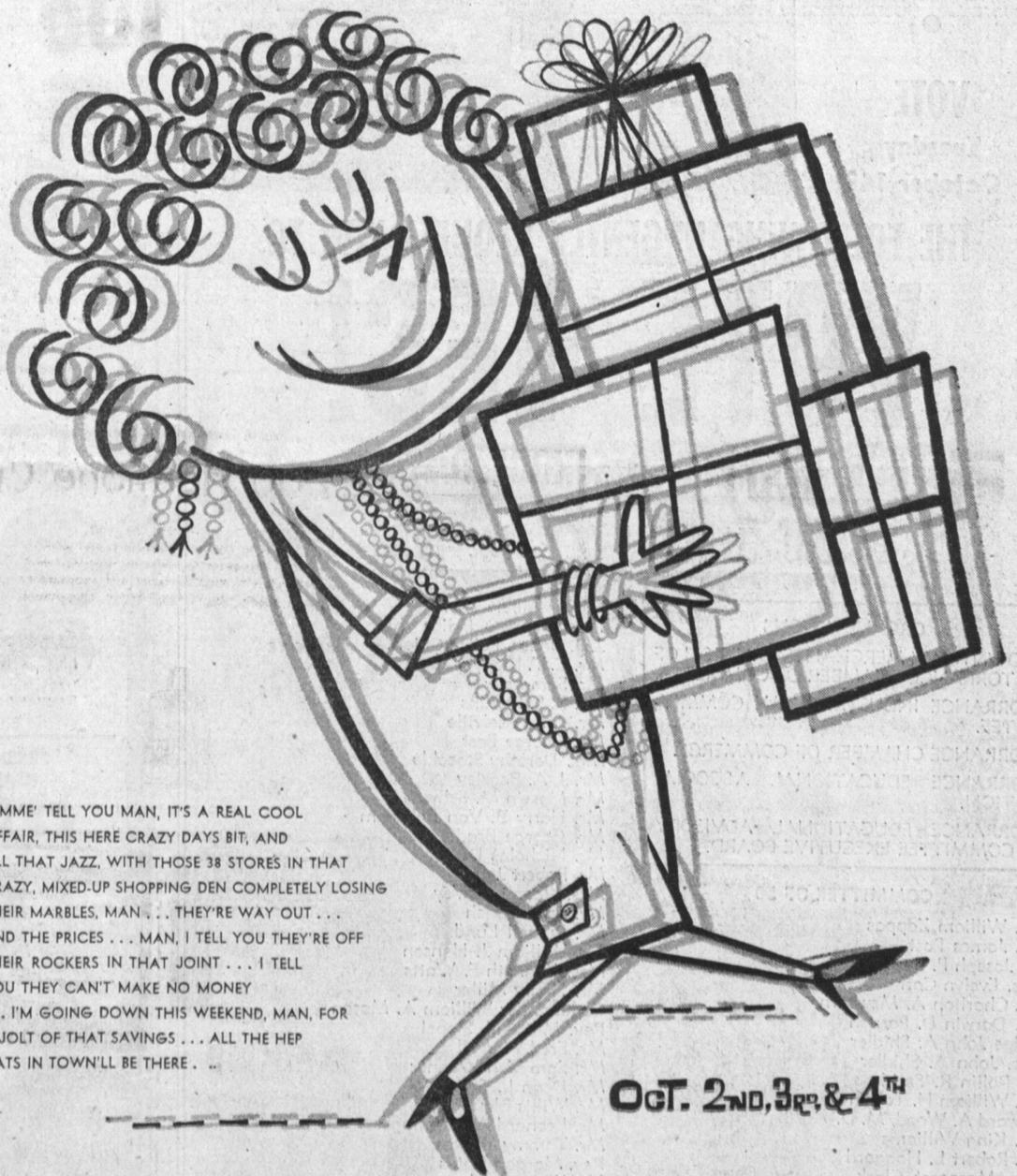
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